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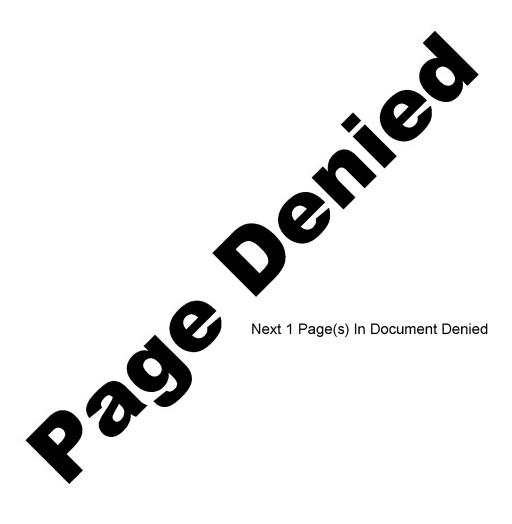
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NATO - WARSAW PACT: MBFR Talks Resume	
Prospects remain dim for substantial progr NATO and Warsaw Pact negotiators meet today to be round of MBFR talks on reducing conventional for Central Europe.	pegin the 29th
The size of the Pact's ground and a tinues to be the principal issue in the cial Eastern figures presented in Vienna to be 235,000 below Western estimates.	dispute. Offi-
Comment: NATO negotiators believed ing the talks in a strong tactical position completed the presentation of the Wester proposal during the last round. Addition initiatives will depend on the East's windown constructively on the data and verified appears unlikely, although recent of statements by Soviet arms control officities that the statements is sometimes of the statements of the statement	cion, having on draft treaty onal Western clingness to fication issues. Off-the-record cals hint at some
The East may urge the West to drop data agreement precede any reductions in concessions on verification. It also mathe US and USSR make some initial troop example," as suggested in the recent Wardeclarations.	n exchange for ny propose that cuts as a "mutual

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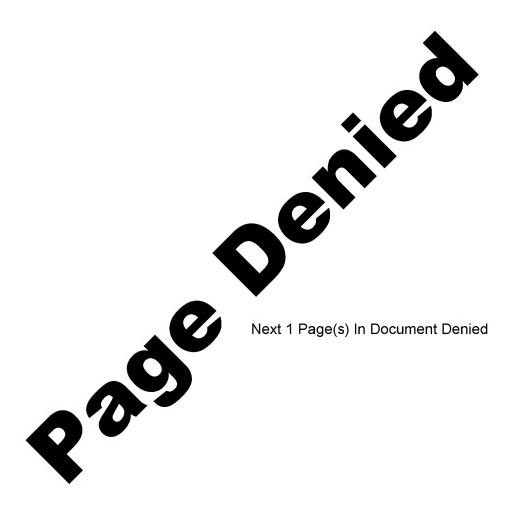
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JAPAN-USSR: Response to Soviet Threats		
The Japanese protest against Soviet stateme redeployment of intermediate-range missiles from and against Soviet media attacks threatening Japa destruction for its close ties with the US was un	Europe to Siberia an with nuclear	25 X 1
Tokyo's protest was directed at Fore Gromyko's recent statement that, in the eagreement in Europe, the USSR probably we some SS-20 missiles to Siberia. The Japa rejected recent Soviet media commentary pactions as a response to Japan's efforts defense capabilities and the decision to F-16 fighter planes at Misawa in northeas	event of an INF ould redeploy anese also portraying Soviet to increase station US	25 X 1
Comment: Moscow's efforts to influe public opinion may have been counterproduce Ministry officials have told the US Embassurprised by the heavyhanded Soviet attack Minister Nakasone's visits to Washington The Japanese media generally have support ment's position and have focused on the influence of the USSR's efforts to deflect from its own greatly increased military states.	ence Japanese uctive. Foreign ssy they were cks on Prime and South Korea. ted the govern- issue as an attention strength in	25X1
Nakasone is concerned about the expanuclear forces in Asia. He worries that a possible side effect of an INF agreemer Foreign Minister Abe stated during his rewestern Europe that Japan would like to be INF talks.	this could be nt in Europe. ecent tour of be included in	25 X 1
The hostile attitude of the Soviets apparent desire to strengthen Japan's def will not be affected by the protest. The rhetoric indicates that an early move to is unlikely.	fenses probably e tone of Moscow's improve relations	25X1
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FRANCE-MOROCCO: Mitterrand's Visit		
President Mitterrand will use his two-day beginning today to demonstrate France's commitme close bilateral ties.	visit to Morocco nt to maintaining	25X1
In a recent speech, the French Amba his country's intention to maintain its tion in Morocco. He noted that France i cipal foreign investor and trading partn sador also asserted that French strateging the Mediterranean require good relations	predominant posi- s Morocco's prin- er. The Ambas- c interests in	
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Comment: Mitterrand's visit caps a	sustained effort	
to convince the King that moves by the S	Socialist govern-	
ment to improve relations with Algeria of	o not reflect	25X1
reduced French interest in Morocco.		25X1
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Some French Foreign Ministry officithat closer ties between Morocco and the could lead to a lessening of French inflworry that relations too openly close be Washington could undermine the King's starb world.	e US eventually Luence. They also etween Rabat and	25X1
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NIGERIA: Uneasy Calm	
The US Embassy reports that there have rioting in Lagos since Tuesday. The distin protest against government corruption some 3 million West African immigrants not by the government.	urbances were and against
Comment: President Shagari's contir from the country has created a leadership has made it difficult for authorities to situation. Renewed violence against the further encourage the impression that the losing control and prompt students to for	vacuum that cope with the immigrants would government is
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INDIA: Sikhs Renew Agitation

Militant Sikhs demanding increased autonomy in their home state of Punjab probably were responsible for bomb explosions yesterday in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar. The US Embassy say that support for the militants is growing and that large-scale protests are likely beginning today now that Sikh leaders have broken off negotiations with New Dehli. The central government reportedly has sent additional security elements to Punjab to control Sikh demonstrations.

Comment: Prime Minister Gandhi probably will make no major concessions because of strong Hindu opposition to Sikh demands for autonomy. Increased Sikh violence would complicate Indian-US relations. Ghandhi believes that Sikh dissident groups are being funded by Sikh expatriates in the US, and New Delhi has criticized Washington for not barring visits to the US by Jagjit Chauhan, a prominent, European-based leader of the Sikh independence movement.

INDIA-CHINA: Outlook for Normalization

The third round of Sino-Indian border talks that begins on Saturday in Beijing is unlikely to achieve a major breakthrough, but some progress may be made on establishing a negotiating framework and on taking further confidence-building measures. The Indian Ambassador to China recently told US diplomats that he has the impression New Delhi is now more willing to discuss specific details. Both sides thus far have stuck to their preliminary positions, with India rejecting China's call for a package deal involving mutual concessions.

Comment: There is little chance of progress unless the Indians show some flexibility, but Prime Minister Gandhi's recent losses in state elections probably will make her even more reluctant to take initiatives that could be exploited by the opposition. China is unwilling to offer unilateral concessions, partly to avoid a precedent for territorial negotiations with the USSR. Peking and New Delhi nevertheless want to keep the talks going and to expand trade and cultural ties.

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ZAIRE: Anticorruption Drive

The Zairian Government has launched its most extensive anticorruption campaign in years, and President Mobutu has empowered his aggressive new Prime Minister to direct the campaign. Over 70 people, including several senior officials and businessmen, have been arrested for misappropriation of funds, and many more are under investigation. Some prominent individuals—including one of Mobutu's sons—have been implicated.

Comment: The campaign is one of a number of measures Mobutu has taken to improve his standing abroad and to help him obtain new assistance from the IMF later this year. He also may hope that the highly publicized investigations and arrests will restore some of his popularity at home. Thus far, most of the accused are middle-level functionaries. Mobutu would have to authorize the Prime Minister to crack down on a large number of corrupt senior officials for the campaign to have a major impact.

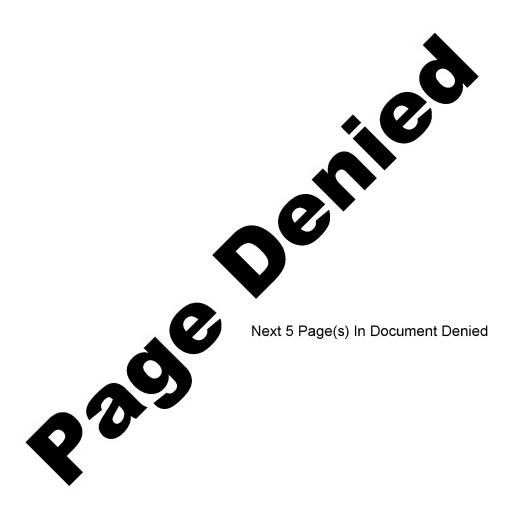
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